

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
November 8, 1963

The University Senate met at 2 pm, Friday, November 8, 1963, with Provost Colclough presiding in the absence of President Carroll. The Provost informed the Senate that President Carroll was unable to attend because he is serving as chairman of the Middle States Association team which is evaluating the University of Pennsylvania.

Inasmuch as the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed, they were not read. The minutes were approved with the following change: On page 2, paragraph 4, in the sentence beginning "Mr. Reuben E. Wood, Chairman of the Review Committee on the Faculty Organization Plan," change "Senate" to "University Faculty Assembly."

Mr. Wolfgang H. Kraus, Chairman of the Executive Committee, moved the following changes in membership of committees to the Senate for its approval:

1. The Committee on Physical Facilities, Mr. Fred H. Gibbs (Hospital Administration) to replace Mr. David J. Sharpe (Law), who had been appointed to two committees. Mr. Sharpe will continue as a member of the Committee on Administrative Matters.
2. The addition of James N. Mosel (Psychology) to the Committee on Educational Policy.
3. The Committee on Athletics, Mr. John W. Skinner (Economics) to replace Miss Helen B. Lawrence (Physical Education).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hugh L. LeBlanc and unanimously approved.

The second item on the agenda, Information on the current state of the Code Revision, was presented by Mr. J. Forrester Davison, Chairman of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom. Mr. Davison reported that President Carroll had met with the committee to advise them of the Board of Trustees' position on the proposed Code Revision. Mr. Davison stated that the committee agreed to the desirability of redrafting portions of the present draft amendments on which, after further consideration, they find themselves to be in agreement with the President and the Board of Trustees. He listed some general principles to be considered in redrafting. Provost Colclough stated it was the sense of the Board of Trustees at their recent meeting that it had complete confidence that President Carroll and the representative members of the faculty could work out a completely desirable Code. Mr. Roderic H. Davison moved that the committee's report be accepted, Mr. Paul A. Crafton seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Mr. Kraus introduced Charles B. Nutting, Dean of the National Law Center, who had volunteered to speak in place of Dean Archibald Woodruff, the scheduled speaker. Provost Colclough commented that Dean Woodruff is a member of the Middle States evaluating team of which President Carroll is chairman. Dean Woodruff is representing the area of ~~Business Administration~~.

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Dean Nutting discussed the National Law Center. The Law Center, of which the Graduate School of Public Law is a component part, was established by action of the Board of Trustees in December, 1959. The Trustees recognized that the conventional type of law school organization could not fulfill the total obligation of legal education and research in the 20th Century. He stated that the Graduate School was

established with a twofold mission: First, formal advanced instruction beyond the LL.B. and, second, research. Dean Nutting expects that Law programs will become more interdisciplinary in the future, utilizing the resources of The University to the extent that they can contribute. He cited many recent activities of the Law Center to illustrate the broadening trend in legal education and research.

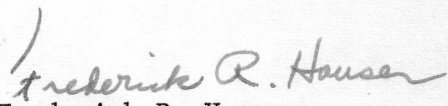
Provost Colclough remarked that he was particularly impressed by Dean Nutting's remarks concerning the importance of bringing the various disciplines together. He stated his belief that The University has a responsibility to educate the youth of this country on a broad basis in all disciplines and his expectation that in future years the Schools and Colleges of The University will work in ever closer cooperation.

Mr. Gust A. Ledakis called attention to the Washington Foreign Law Society, a group initiated by members of The George Washington University faculty and members of the Board of Trustees, to foster cooperation and knowledge among lawyers from the United States and foreign countries. He referred briefly to some of the studies conducted by the Society. Mr. Ledakis suggested that a survey be made of University programs to determine which might be interrelated.

Mr. Hugh L. LeBlanc, Chairman of the Committee on University Objectives, reminded the Senate that last year the committee had drafted a set of university objectives which were approved by the Senate, Faculty Assembly and the Board of Trustees, and are now spelled out in the catalogue. Mr. Harold F. Bright, the former chairman, had reported that the committee had completed its assigned task and would not meet again unless so directed by the Senate. Mr. LeBlanc expressed his reluctance to call a meeting because of his feeling that further work by this committee might duplicate the efforts of other committees. After general discussion, it was the consensus that the committee might serve in a consultative capacity regarding implementation of university objectives. Mr. Kraus suggested that Mr. LeBlanc prepare a motion regarding his committee, to be presented at the next meeting in order to provide an opportunity for further discussion.

Provost Colclough raised a question concerning the formal resolution with respect to the late Professor Tupper which the Executive Committee had been empowered by the Senate to draft. Mr. Kraus stated that the Executive Committee is presently working on a draft of the resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

  
Frederick R. Houser  
Secretary of the Senate



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Report by J. Ferrester Davison, Chairman, Senate Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom on the progress of the work of the committee.

At the last meeting of the Senate, President Carroll made a report on two meetings of members of Committees of the Board of Trustees with members of two Senate Committees. These meetings considered the draft of amendments to the Faculty Code of The George Washington University, which draft had been submitted to the Senate by the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom. Former members of that committee and of the present Senate Executive Committee attended the meetings. The matters discussed then were later to be considered by the Board of Trustees. On behalf of our committee I learned from President Carroll the status of action by the Board of Trustees on these matters at its October meeting.

President Carroll opened his complete file to me and we discussed the issues and examined the documents contained in it. The Board of Trustees which exercises the legal authority granted under the University Charter in these matters, has recognized and endorsed the importance of the participation by the Faculty of the the University in the recommendations for teaching and administrative appointments in the University. The Board through its appropriate Committees has suggested certain revisions in the existing draft of the amendments to the Faculty Code, as received by the Senate last year. The Board has authorized the President to take up these suggested changes with the members of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom, and to work out mutually acceptable language for the various provisions. I then presented these suggestions to the members of the Committee present at a meeting a week ago to-day. I also told them of President Carroll's willingness to meet with the Committee and to amplify the salient facts and issues as he and the Board of Trustees see them. The Committee agreed to have this meeting.

The members of the Committee then met with President Carroll on Wednesday of this week, and he made his report. We agreed then as to the desirability of

redrafting portions of the present draft Amendments, to embody such of the suggested changes on which, after further consideration, we may find ourselves to be in agreement with the President and the Board of Trustees. The redraft should be undertaken in accordance with concepts which are included in, but are not limited to the following general principles:

(1) The members of the Faculty and the appropriate administrative officers each have a role in recommendations concerning the selection of persons to be appointed to Faculty and administrative positions.

(2) The weight of the Faculty recommendations should be greater with respect to the selection process for academic teaching appointments.

(3) The Faculty's interest in academic administrative appointments and other administrative appointments continues to be important, but must be balanced to take into consideration the experience of the Administration and the Board of Trustees in this field of selection, to the extent that the proposed appointments require that the persons selected shall have expertise in administrative matters.

(4) The Board of Trustees and the President have the greater concern with the essentially administrative positions, and this concern should be recognized in making these appointments.

*J. Forrester Davison*